

3 Israeli soldiers wounded in attack

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Guerrillas wounded three Israeli soldiers with mortar fire on Tuesday in Israel's self-declared "security zone" in South Lebanon, an army spokesman said. One soldier was reported in serious condition after the attack in the zone's central sector just north of the Israeli border. The other two were slightly wounded. The firing came from outside the zone and the soldiers returned fire, the spokesman said. Military censors barred journalists from reporting the exact location of the incident. Last week, guerrillas killed an Israeli army captain and slightly wounded another Israeli soldier in a "security zone" gunbattle. Israel set up the zone after it withdrew the bulk of its forces from Lebanon in June 1985.

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Newborn doing well after surgery

AMMAN (I.T.) — A week-old child who underwent a heart surgery at the Queen Alia Heart Centre in Amman is doing well and is expected to be discharged in 10 days, according to Dr. Yousef Qousus, chief heart surgeon at the centre. Dr. Qousus told the Jordan Times that the boy had a transposition of blood vessels and had to undergo surgery for arterial switch last Thursday when he was only 18 hours old. The open heart surgery took place under unique conditions where the infant's body temperature had to be lowered to 18 degrees Centigrade and the body's blood circulation had to be temporarily stopped for 90 minutes. He said the 3.5-kilogramme boy was progressing normally and the operation was completely successful.

Cabinet makes 2 appointments

AMMAN (Petra) — The Council of Ministers on Tuesday decided to appoint Dr. Thirad Sand Al Kadi, a former ambassador at the Foreign Ministry, to the Prime Minister. The Cabinet also decided to appoint Mr. Awad Al Khaldi, currently Jordan's ambassador to Greece, as the Kingdom's non-resident ambassador to Cyprus.

Majali returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Wahab Al Majali returned to Amman Tuesday evening at the end of visits to Tunisia and Morocco which lasted 10 days. During the visits, Mr. Majali was received by Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba to whom he conveyed greetings from His Majesty King Hussein, and held talks with senior officials on Jordanian-Tunisian cooperation in phosphate marketing. Similar talks were held during Mr. Majali's visit to Morocco.

Ammarin and Turk jailed for 15 years

ANKARA (R) — A Turkish military court on Tuesday sentenced a Jordanian embassy translator and a Turk to 15 years' jail each for spying for Syria, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. Adnan Musa Suleiman Ammarin, a long-term Jordanian resident of Turkey, and Ali Kent, a Turk of Iranian origin, were said in the indictment to have gathered information for Syria on military facilities and U.S. installations in Turkey. Both men may appeal. They were among nine people indicted last year for alleged involvement in the killing of Jordanian Embassy First Secretary Ziad Al Sati. But, in that case, the court did not proceed with Ammarin on grounds of diplomatic immunity.

Saudi and Moroccan monarchs meet

RABAT (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia had talks lasting 90 minutes with King Hassan of Morocco at the royal palace in Fez, central Morocco, the national news agency MAP said Tuesday. It gave no details of the conversation. The Saudi monarch arrived in Fez on Thursday for what officials described as a private visit. King Fahd came to Morocco from neighbouring Algeria after a 24-hour official visit.

Reagan to hold TV press conference

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan, ending four months of semi-isolation from the press, will hold a televised news conference on Thursday night, the White House said Tuesday. Mr. Reagan is certain to be questioned extensively at the session (0100 GMT) about the secret sale of arms to Iran and diversion of profits to U.S.-backed "contra" rebels in Nicaragua.

Iran releases 76 Iraqi soldiers

GENEVA (R) — Seventy-six wounded Iraqi prisoners of war were flown home from Iran on Tuesday in an airlift organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), an ICRC spokesman said. She said it was the first ICRC repatriation since 1985 of prisoners captured in the Gulf war, but there were no plans at present for a similar operation for Iranian prisoners.

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Bomb explodes near Syrian post in Beirut

BEIRUT (Agencies) — A powerful bomb exploded near an American-affiliated university and a Syrian checkpoint in west Beirut on Tuesday, wounding one person and setting three cars on fire, police said.

The bomb, hidden under a green Mercedes-Benz, went off at 1:25 p.m. about 120 metres from the main gate to the kidnap-plagued Beirut University College (BUC) in west Beirut's Orlat district, witnesses reported.

No casualties were reported among BUC's 3,000 students, a short police report said.

Ambulances and fire engines, their sirens wailing, rushed to the scene of the bomb blast, the first in west Beirut since 7,500 Syrian soldiers backed by 100 tanks moved in Feb. 22 to contain anti-militia clashes.

Witnesses quoted by Reuters said the device exploded 300 metres from a Syrian checkpoint. Police said earlier it was only a few metres from the position.

The witnesses said Syrian troops briefly cordoned off the street in the Madame Curie area and searched cars at checkpoints. Gunmen, disguised as riot policemen, kidnapped three American professors and an Indian teacher from the BUC campus Jan. 24.

A group calling itself Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palest-

Shevardnadze, Armacost hold talks

MOSCOW (AP) — A high-ranking U.S. State Department official who has been discussing regional conflicts with Soviet officials held talks on Tuesday with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the TASS news agency said.

Michael Armacost, the under-secretary of state for political affairs, is in the Soviet capital to discuss U.S.-Soviet differences in the Middle East, Central America, Asia, southern Africa and Afghanistan.

He also was to help plan the visit of U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz to Moscow on April 13-16.

TASS said Mr. Armacost and Mr. Shevardnadze "discussed pressing international problems and issues of priority importance to the U.S.-U.S. relationship, at the current crucial phase in its development." It provided no other detail.

Arafat willing for compromise over PLO participation in peace talks

TUNIS (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has signalled a willingness to compromise on the issue of representation at a Middle East peace conference, saying any Palestinian approved by him would be acceptable.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chairman, in an interview with Reuters Monday night, implied that officials of the PLO — which Israel and the United States refuse to talk to — need not attend.

Mr. Arafat expressed optimism about a preparatory meeting of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council — the Soviet Union, the United States, Britain, France and China — before a wider conference for all parties concerned.

"I think it can take place this year," he said.

Asked who would be in the PLO delegation to a peace conference, Mr. Arafat contradicted answers offered by aides who said representation would simply be the PLO.

"No, not the PLO. Why say the PLO? It is not necessary to say the PLO... I am against this answer," he said.

When pressed to explain whether this meant PLO officials would not have to take part, Mr. Arafat said:

"Who said it? Any Palestinian who would participate in my

Kidnappers announce reprieve

BEIRUT (AP) — Kidnappers announced Tuesday they have postponed plans to kill French hostage Jean-Louis Normandin for one week and demanded new clarifications from France on its policy on terrorism and arms supplies to Iraq.

In a statement delivered to the independent Beirut newspaper An Nahar, the Revolutionary Justice Organisation claimed that the 35-year-old captive, a lighting engineer for France's Antenne-2 television, had confessed to spying for the French and Israeli secret services.

The three-page handwritten Arabic statement said the decision to postpone Mr. Normandin's "execution" was taken in response to pleas from Lebanon's Shi'ite Muslim clerics, the hostage's family and "secret pledges made by the French government to parties concerned."

"We announce the postponement of the execution of the death sentence for only one week beginning from the release of this statement," it said.

"During this week, (French) delegates should be dispatched to offer the necessary clarifications. This will either lead to improvement or the beginning of bloodletting."

Meanwhile, a senior pro-Iranian Lebanese leader said Tuesday he had worked to save a French kidnap hostage from death in what he described as an international political bazaar.

Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual mentor of Hezbollah (Party of God), said he hoped the kidnappers of Jean-Louis Normandin had been influenced by his appeal made on Sunday to spare the television crewman's life.

Soviets call for int'l agency to check on space arms

GENEVA (R) — The Soviet Union called on Tuesday for the creation of a new international agency with the power to carry out on-site inspections to ensure that no country deploys weapons in outer space.

A senior Soviet arms negotiator, Yuri Nazarkin, said the new body should be given the "right of access for... on-site inspections of all objects designed to be launched and stationed in outer space and corresponding launch vehicles."

Mr. Nazarkin said the purpose of the agency, which he called an international inspectorate, would be to verify that no nation deployed weapons in outer space and to stop an arms race there.

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Moscow has pursued a vigorous

public campaign against space warfare, marked by adamant opposition to the U.S. strategic defence initiative (SDI) missile defence research programme.

President Reagan launched SDI, popularly known as "Star Wars," four years ago. Its aim is to study land-based and space-based missile defence systems, including nuclear-powered space lasers to shoot down attacking missiles.

Washington says Moscow has carried out research on space weapons for many years and SDI was aimed partly at countering this. Moscow denies having a space weapons research programme.

Soviet negotiators have sought support for their opposition to space arms among the delegates at the long-running 40-nation conference, which includes the United States.

Andreatti presents crisis plan

ROME (R) — Prime Minister-designate Giulio Andreotti presented a plan on Tuesday to reconstruct Italy's post-war government in an attempt to avoid premature general elections.

Mr. Andreotti, 68, sent a letter to leaders of the five parties describing compromise proposals aimed at reunifying the coalition government, which resigned on March 3.

The main purpose of the proposals was to overcome a dispute between his majority Christian Democrats and the Socialists of outgoing Prime Minister Bettino Craxi over a series of referendums due to be held in June.

If the parties accept Mr. Andreotti's plan, the way will be clear for him to form a new coalition government. If not, either he will have to try to form a minority government or acknowledge defeat, opening the way to elections a year ahead of schedule.

Early polls signalled in U.K.

LONDON (R) — The British government on Tuesday cut the basic rate of income tax by two per cent to 27 per cent in a budget seen as pointing clearly to early general elections, possibly as soon as June.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, his coffers swelled by unforeseen revenue, balanced generosity with financial prudence in the annual budget by also slashing the government's borrowing target.

He set this at £4 billion (\$6.4 billion) for the new fiscal year starting on April 1, down from £7

billion (\$11 billion) for 1986-87.

This move also promised to be popular with voters as it paves the way for lower interest rates and reductions in mortgage (home loan) charges for house buyers, who have increased in number during conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's eight-year rule.

Political analysts said the shape

Israeli soldiers wound 3 Gaza students

Life creeps back to normal after Syrian deployment in west Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — When an argument over a parking space in west Beirut escalated to fist fights, a policeman remarked on a sign of the times.

"They're not fighting with guns," he said. "It hasn't been like this for years."

West Beirut is much changed since Feb. 22, the day 7,000 Syrian troops deployed and started rooting out militias to restore order to the mainly Muslim sector of the capital.

Militiamen, who cruised the streets in battle gear and thought nothing of firing machine-guns from car windows to clear roads, have left or have melted back into civilian life.

Syrian soldiers search for gunmen at checkpoints and in house raids, aiming to instil respect for legal forces.

Even traffic police have made a comeback, signing parking tickets and bossing the noisy new traffic jams.

"Before, we avoided crowded areas for fear of trouble. Now traffic jams are a sign of peace," said taxi driver Abed Itani.

Militia anarchy had reigned in west Beirut since February 1984, when Syrian-backed Muslim and leftist militias drove out army troops loyal to Falangist President Amin Gemayel.

Kidnaps of foreigners, militia gunbattles and economic decline ended with an orgy of fighting between members of the Syrian-backed alliance, the event which triggered the Syrian troop de-

lays in Beirut and South Lebanon loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, a Syrian foe.

Although hardline leaders in the Falangist enclave north east of Beirut are making conciliatory noises in current talks on political reforms to resolve the war, it is not clear how readily they will go along with Syrian-backed plans.

There was almost normal traffic and most night clubs and restaurants that opened were dressed with fashionably dressed young people, dancing and laughing.

Hala, a 24-year-old student, said it was the first time she had been out after months of family evenings at home, often spent blacked out by power cuts.

"It's great to see you. Now we are open until after midnight. Please tell all your friends," said a waiter at the crowded seafood Spaghetti Restaurant.

"We had to close the doors," said a guard at a discotheque at the Summerland Hotel. "It's the first time such a huge number of people have come."

But threats to stability remain in the Lebanese patchwork of militia-run enclaves.

Syrian troops have not deployed in the Shi'ite Muslim south Beirut, where radical gunmen still roam and foreign hostages are believed to be held.

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las in Beirut and South Lebanon loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, a Syrian foe.

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Oman clamps ceiling on dowries

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — Sultan Qaboos has ruled that no man should pay more than 2,000 riyals (\$1,600) for his bride, no matter how attractive she is or how wealthy her family may be, his aides have reported.

The move is the latest bid by the ruler of Oman against what he calls the "evil" dowry system.

The controversial subject of the amount paid by men to the parents of their prospective brides has become a focal point of the Sultan's annual "meet the people" tour currently in swing throughout the country.

The decision of Sultan Qaboos to clamp a ceiling on dowries was revealed by the Sultan's special adviser, Hamad ibn Hamoud, in an interview with the government-owned Arabic-language newspaper Oman.

In the same report, Minister of Education Yahya Al Mantheri said that a nationwide campaign against high dowries would be launched.

The dowry is the most contentious issue to be discussed in public here in recent years.

Chad peace moves look doomed

By Claude Regin
Reuter

ABIDJAN — With Libya apparently massing troops in Sudan and government forces opening a third front in northern Chad, diplomatic moves to end the latest fighting in Chad seem to offer little chance of success.

The evidence points to a war of attrition in the north of the vast central African country, where President Hissene Habre began a campaign late last year to drive out several thousand Libyan soldiers, political analysts say.

France, which has an estimated 2,400 troops in its former colony, is moving ever closer to the combat zones. France has said it had moved attack helicopters to eastern Chad, a region that had been reinforced with anti-aircraft weapons and radar installations in the past month.

The deployment followed Chadian reports that Libya was sending troops through Sudan for an intended attack on Chad's eastern border.

France's force, sent back into Chad a year ago, was until last month located almost entirely around N'Djamena.

France says its role is limited to helping to defend government territory south of the 16th parallel, along which the country was

effectively partitioned after a Libyan and rebel onslaught in the summer of 1983.

However, the analysts say that France might be drawn more deeply into the conflict if Habre gets into trouble in the north.

Habre's forces, boosted by former rebel leader Goukouni Oueddei's guerrillas, crossed the so-called red line late last year and are now operating throughout the north, including the Aouzou Strip, which was annexed by Libya in 1973.

In a two-pronged assault they moved into the rugged Tibesti Massif, in the far north west, and effectively partitioned after a Libyan and rebel onslaught in the summer of 1983.

They have now opened a third front in the Borkou area, in the centre of northern Chad, around the oasis of Faya-Largeau. The oasis is the key to the whole Libyan military set-up in northern Chad and is defended by a big Libyan garrison.

Chad has reported fighting only 80 kilometres north west of Faya-Largeau but western military analysts do not expect a frontal assault on the oasis by Habre's forces.

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The Libyan-backed Transitional Government of National Union (GUNT) declared a three-day truce which the N'Djamena government ignored.

Mr. Habre, with his military and diplomatic standing stronger than ever, says he has hardly any opponents left and that what started as a civil war two decades ago is now a conflict waged by Libya against its own country.

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Herzog to reduce sentences for Jewish terrorists

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli President Chaim Herzog plans to reduce the life sentences of three Jewish guerrillas convicted of killing Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, a spokesman said Tuesday.

"The custom since the creation

of the state is that two or three

years after the start of their sentence, the president reduces their term to around 25 years," Herzog's spokesman, Ami Gluska, told Reuters.

"This is normal and customary and the president plans to announce this shortly in these three cases," he said.

Menachem Livni, Shaul Nir and Uzi Sharavitz were convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment after carrying out an attack in 1982 on the Islamic College in the West Bank town of Hebron. Three Arab students were killed.

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American Jewish leader condemns Israel over Pollard spy scandal

TEL AVIV (R) — A U.S. Jewish leader Tuesday strongly condemned Israel's appointment of an air force colonel implicated in the Pollard spy scandal as commander of a large air base.

Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations, said the decision to give Col. Avieli Sella command of the Tel Aviv Air Base caused a "grievous and deep wound" in U.S.-Israeli relations.

"The recent appointment of... Sella was a serious and irresponsible act," Abram told a news conference.

Sella, a fighter ace, is alleged to have recruited U.S. navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Pollard as an Israeli agent. The colonel has been indicted by a U.S. grand

jury on espionage charges and Pollard is serving a life term for spying.

Abram's statement, made after meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, was one of the strongest criticisms of Israel by an American Jewish leader since the Pollard scandal broke with his arrest in late 1985.

It went far beyond conciliatory statements made to reporters by visiting U.S. Army Secretary John Marsh, who held talks Tues-

day on strategic matters with De-

fense Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"(The Pollard case) is simply an

element that's occurred in our relationship," Marsh said. "It is

small compared to the overall

strength of our alliance."

Israeli leaders say the Pollard operation was carried out behind their backs by a now-disbanded unit of the Defense Ministry.

Abram said he viewed the case as being as serious as the Iran-contra affair in the United States.

Abram indicated Israelis should expect no sympathy for Pollard from the American Jewish community of which the convicted spy was a member.

"Mr. Pollard is an American citizen who pleaded guilty to a serious crime... As an American, I say that he received nothing less than the due process of law," Abram said.

"Mr. Pollard showed no mercy towards the United States and his subsequent conduct has not shown concern for anybody but himself," he said.

Shamir claims no cabinet minister authorised recruiting Pollard to spy

TEL AVIV (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir assured a leading American Jewish figure Tuesday that no Israeli cabinet minister authorised the espionage operation that recruited U.S. navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard.

"He assures us there is no governmental minister responsible for the affair, and it should never have happened," said Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organisations.

After a one-hour meeting with the Israeli premier, Abram told reporters Shamir "is deeply apologetic about it, and he assures us that it will never happen again."

Abram, head of a delegation of about 65 visiting American Jewish leaders, said in an Israel Television interview Monday night that the government has to "make sure that those who did take the bad action are not rewarded but indeed punished."

His remarks were apparently aimed at a senior Israeli air force officer, Avieli Sella, accused by a U.S. grand jury of recruiting Pollard, and Rafi Eitan, a former Mossad intelligence agent who ran the spy operation.

Both Sella and Eitan were promoted after the Pollard affair became public in November 1985. The promotions prompted

angry reactions from U.S. officials.

In a sign of the increasing political tension in Israel's coalition government as a result of the Pollard affair, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon blamed the Pollard affair on Peres, who was prime minister when Pollard was arrested in November 1985.

"The Pollard episode was tragic. But in my opinion our major problems were caused mainly by the handling of the episode by the prime minister in 1985, Sharon," said Sharon, who is a leading member of Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc.

His remarks, made in a speech to young party activists in the Negev Desert town of Sderot Monday night and recovered by a member of the audience, were aired on Israel Army Radio Tuesday. Sharon called the station to complain that he had not intended his remarks for use by the media.

Pollard, 32, who is Jewish and said he was motivated by a love for Israel, was sentenced to life imprisonment for espionage and his wife Anne Henderson-Pollard got five years for helping him.

The liberal daily Haaretz reported that a two-member government panel would start an investigation of the Pollard affair on Wednesday. It also quoted an unnamed senior poli-

cian source as saying Eitan and Sella didn't act on their own initiative in using Pollard.

Israel Television reported Monday that the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is seeking to add Israel to its list of countries considered hostile from an intelligence standpoint.

Israel's inclusion in the list would mean that "the FBI will actively and routinely search for Israeli spies in the United States," the television's Washington correspondent said without elaborating.

The daily Davar newspaper reported last week the FBI suspected Israelis had tried to recruit other Americans besides Pollard, particularly Jewish students and professors at American universities.

The Washington Post on Sunday quoted U.S. government sources as saying Pollard told investigators that when the Israeli initially recruited him, they showed him copies of highly classified U.S. documents they already possessed.

The paper said the episode raised the possibility that the Israelis already had another spy in the U.S. government at the time they recruited Pollard.

But Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin dismissed the reports Monday, repeating earlier Israeli

statements that the episode was a "conciliatory effort" to end the Gulf war but gave no details.

Home news

Jordan, Sudan to sign \$20m trade accord today

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan and Sudan will sign a \$20 million counter-trade accord here on Wednesday, crowning four days of discussions between the two sides at the undersecretary level.

Today's agreement, the first of its kind between the two countries, calls for exchanging goods worth \$20 million to be divided equally between Jordan and Sudan. The deal is renewable upon mutual request. Under Secretary at the Ministry of Trade and Industry Mohammad Al Saqqaf said Tuesday:

"Although the volume of exchange as stipulated in the package is below the level of mutual aspirations, regarding economic ties, it mirrors a high increase of trade transactions between Jordan and Sudan, compared to the four previous years. Mr. Saqqaf said.

In an interview with the Jordan Times, on the eve of the signing of the accord, Mr. Saqqaf said Sudan would import Jordanian pharmaceutical products, construction materials, clothes, electrical appliances, household equipment and other commodities, according to their list of import-priorities.

In line with the agreement, Jordan will import sesame, raw leather, white corn, henna, mango juice concentrates, cotton and spices.

The two countries' trade trans-

actions, which were earlier carried out on an instant cash-payment basis, witnessed a remarkable decline after 1982, when Sudan was struck by a severe drought.

Available statistical figures on the volume of Jordan's exports and imports to Sudan between 1982 and 1986 reveal the Kingdom sold Sudan goods worth JD 605,000, JD 319,000, JD 109,000, JD 93,000 and JD 160,000 respectively over the period.

The export of Sudanese products to Jordan over the same period was put at JD 1,500,000, JD 1,700,000, JD 109,000, JD 349,000 and JD 235,000 in sequence.

The four-day meetings here were chaired by Mr. Saqqaf and his Sudanese counterpart Omar Mubarak Abu Zaid. The Sudanese delegation arrived here on Saturday.

Prince Hassan receives Sudanese official

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Tuesday received Mr. Abu Zaid for discussions on ways of promoting bilateral ties. The meeting was attended by Minister of Trade and Industry Rajai Muasher.

The Sudanese economic delegation also toured a number of Jordanian public and private sector trade and industrial institutions to obtain first-hand information on available export-oriented industries.

Princess Basma opens course for Arab guides

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, honorary president of the Jordanian girl guides movement, on Tuesday opened an advanced training course for girl guides organised by the Arab guides office in cooperation with the Jordanian girl guides society.

Guides from Jordan, Kuwait, Egypt, Lebanon, Oman, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and North Yemen are taking part in the eight-day training course.

Addressing the opening session, Princess Basma said that the scout and guide movement is part of an overall educational process

involving all sectors of society.

Other speakers at the opening session included Mr. Mohammad Abul Tayeb, secretary general of the Ministry of Youth, and Mrs. Abla Abu Nowar, head of the guides department at the Ministry of Education.

Minister of Youth 'Eid Dahiya and senior officials from the Ministry of Education attended the opening session.

Songs for and from the soul

— By Jean-Claude Elias
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A song recital by French singer Christiane Mouron, organised by the French Cultural Centre in Amman in cooperation with "Le Cercle des Femmes Francaises de Jordanie," is expected to attract all those who are fond of good quality songs.

Traditional, yet quite modern, Christiane Mouron has an exceptionally beautiful voice, writes lyrics that you can understand, and possesses an irresistible power to make you listen closely to her. Definitely modern, she uses great rhythms and harmonies, sometimes swinging between jazz and popular French songs. Contrary to the usual numbers which make the charts and that one generally forgets after a couple of weeks, her songs are the kind one likes more and more each time they are played.

MUSIC PREVIEW

Mouron has just won "Le Prix de la Chanson Francaise." She was also an important member of "Le Big Bazar," a group led by the well-known singer Michel Fugain. But you do not need to know all this to believe how

good she is. Just listen to one of her tapes. Genuine emotions, and just enough vibrato in her voice to make the listener forget about anything else. The right dose of humour and Mouron is an excellent alchemist who knows just how to blend humour (*Le Salon de Thé — Tea Parlour*) with anxiety (*Je Cherche l'Entree de Secours — Looking for the Emergency Entrance*) and pure poetry (*Tant qu'il y Aura des Clowns*).

Christiane Mouron's unique recital is scheduled to be staged at the French Cultural Centre on Wednesday March 18 at 8:30 p.m.

RJ places collection boxes at airport

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Jordanian airline has placed a number of boxes at terminals at the Queen Alia International Airport to collect contributions for charity. Three of these boxes, will benefit the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, a Royal Jordanian spokesman said. The move, he said, is to encourage travellers and visitors to contribute towards social and voluntary work in the Kingdom.

Commerce team leaves for E. Germany

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC) Hamdi Tabbaa has left for the German Democratic Republic at the head of a Jordanian delegation.

Society organises seminar to highlight dangers of smoking

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian national society for combating smoking will hold a seminar in Amman on April 20 to highlight the dangers of smoking and to bring the attention of the Jordanian public to the social problem of smoking in the Kingdom.

A spokesman for the society said that several working papers that will be discussed are expected to focus attention on the adverse effects of smoking on social, agricultural, industrial and

Arab-Americans gear up for higher profile in 1988 election campaigns

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Arab-Americans are sharpening their wits and political strategies, and getting ready for "higher visibility" in the 1988 presidential and congressional campaigns in the United States. Past achievements give hope for the future, but the challenges, according to Arab-American leaders, remain very real.

"Anti-Arab discrimination is a fact of life in America," one Arab-American leader said. "But America doesn't hate Arabs." Speaking to journalists here on Monday, at a tele-conference from Washington D.C., Dr. James Zogby, executive director of the Arab American Institute (AAI), explained that anti-Arab forces in the United States come from "very identifiable forces" and that these forces "do not want to see us get ahead."

Mr. Mitchell Daniels, assistant to the president for political and intergovernmental affairs, urged a continued faith in the American democratic process.

Mr. Daniels, also speaking through the tele-conference link organised by the United States Information Service (USIS), said that violence and discrimination against Americans of Arab descent came from "small and not important groups."

Dr. Zogby and Mr. Daniels who spoke to journalists alternately, said that despite relentless destructive efforts by pro-Israeli groups, they were optimistic about the role that Arab-Americans could play in eliminating discrimination against them and realising a more balanced U.S. policy in the Middle East.

Violence against Arab-Americans according to Dr. Zogby will unfortunately increase as

Arab-American strength grows." He specifically identified groups such as the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and the Anti-Defamation League to be behind acts of terrorism against Arab-Americans, such as assassinations, political as well as physical intimidation.

Both men agreed that Arab-Americans need to unite their efforts but warned against siding with either of the nation's two political parties. "Those who side with one camp, do so at their own detriment," Mr. Daniels said.

Responding to questions by a panel of Jordanian journalists, Dr. Zogby stressed the need for Arab-Americans to be independent from partisanship and affiliation with any particular political stance in the Arab World.

He explained that Arab-Americans need to carve themselves a different road from that followed by pro-Israeli groups in the United States. "We will not accept dictates by Arab states," Dr. Zogby said. "I'm an American and I am not going back anywhere." He stressed the importance of maintaining Arab-Americans' independence and their concern for American national interests as a priority. "It hurts us to see American interests jeopardised in the Middle East."

He pointed out to the Pollard spy case and its implications of double loyalty for American Jews. "We don't want to do that," he said.

Mr. Daniels said he expected the Iran-Iraq affair and its negative impact on the Republican party standing to subside as the economy continues to recover and show growth.

President Reagan, in a message to participants in the Arab American Institute conference held in Washington last week, said Arab



James Zogby



Mitchell Daniels

Americans "have contributed greatly in every field, availing themselves of the freedoms and opportunities of this country."

More than 200 Arab-Americans from 26 states gathered in Washington between March 13-15 to attend AAI's third annual conference. Arab American votes are said to be effective in key American cities such as Chicago, Detroit, Houston and San Francisco.

Mr. Daniels, who left for a lunch meeting with President Reagan after the tele-conference, conveyed Mr. Reagan's greetings to His Majesty King Hussein.

Arab health ministers okay allocations to build Arab hospital in Jerusalem

AMMAN (Petra) — The Arab Health Ministers Council has given its approval for allocating funds needed to build an Arab hospital in occupied Arab Jerusalem in order to improve the health conditions of the local population and to make up for shortages in medical services in the occupied Arab territory.

Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh announced here Tuesday. The minister was speaking upon returning to Amman after representing Jordan at the council's meeting which was held in Sudan.

Dr. Hamzeh said that the hospital is needed to offer medical services to the Arab population of the holy city following Israel's closure of the Hospice Hospital in 1983 and to make up for shortages in medical services for the Arab population in the occupied West Bank in general.

The minister did not disclose the figures agreed upon at the council's meeting but said that a special committee in charge of the hospital project will receive funds in order to embark on the construction of the hospital's first phase.

The remainder of the amount needed for the project will be raised in Islamic nations in implementation of a resolution taken by the Islamic summit meeting held in Kuwait earlier this year, the minister pointed out.

He said that a board of trustees has been set up by the conference to tour Islamic nations and raise funds for this project. In addition, a health ministers council committee grouping the ministers of health in Jordan and Kuwait will visit Morocco in the coming month to meet with King Hassan II, who is chairman of the Jerusalem committee, in order to discuss the subject. The visit will

coincide with a meeting in Rabat of the Jerusalem committee which will review the outcome of the council's deliberations, the minister continued.

He said that the Arab health ministers discussed a host of questions which included the situation in Lebanon, the health conditions of the Lebanese people in the wake of the civil strife, and relief supplies to the victims in Lebanon and Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut.

The council passed a number of resolutions covering Arab regulations on radiation and pollution of the environment, blood transfusions, precautionary measures against AIDS and rules governing the general Arab medical board's examinations of doctors in various specialisations, Dr. Hamzeh said.

In addition, he said the council passed resolutions on the marketing of Arab pharmaceutical products, the registration of Arab medicines and drugs and setting up an Arab vaccines centre in

Federation to hold spring camp for the handicapped

AQABA (Petra) — The Jordan Sports Federation for the Handicapped (JSFH) will organise a 1987 spring camp in Aqaba on Friday under the patronage of His Highness Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, the chief chamberlain.

The festival will be held at Al Thagger society for the care of handicapped people in the port city, according to Mr. Ibrahim Abu Hallil, the president of the society. He said that the camp, which will remain open until July 26, will offer a chance to all members of the public and volunteers to orient themselves on the

needs of the handicapped and to offer help to the organisations which care for handicapped people in the Kingdom.

At present the number of handicapped people in Aqaba stands at 300. Mr. Abu Hallil added. He said that plans are going ahead for organising a competition for some 800 handicapped persons from different parts of the Kingdom.

At least 105 handicapped persons are being employed in organising the camp's activities which will be carried out under the supervision of 45 specialists.

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Testing ground

THE regular six-monthly session of Arab League foreign ministers in Tunis on April 1 has a special significance; it comes when the time is ripe to push for a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian problem which lies at the core of all problems in the Middle East. The meeting follows the endorsement by the European Community (EC) of the idea for an international Middle East conference under U.N. auspices, and renewed international interest towards convening such a forum. Washington, which is reeling from the political fallout of the Iran arms scandal, could be pushed to move beyond its reluctant acceptance of the conference idea and assume a more active role.

On the other end of the balance of course is the split within the Israeli government over the issue; but let us look on the brighter side of the situation. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who is backed by the so-called moderate elements in Israel, has committed his country to attending the proposed conference. The atmosphere is full of expectations and revived hopes, but at the same time the Arab foreign ministers' meeting in Tunis could also use the situation to test the real American and Israeli intentions, which, more often than not, are influenced by the status of unity within the Arab World. The oft-heard criticism in the international scene is that the Arabs are unable to "get their act together." It is too much to ask, and to expect from the Tunis meeting, for a unified Arab stand to challenge Israel and its superpower ally to show their true colours?

Arab flexibility is the need of the day; and Jordan has set the example for maximum flexibility without having to surrender Arab honour and dignity or the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. But are the rest of the Arab states ready for such a critical test, the outcome of which could determine the future course of the Palestinian struggle? Are they ready to bury their petty differences for the cause of Palestine?

No-one needs any reminders of the formidable obstacles to convening an international conference. The Israeli split over the issue, American hesitancy and Soviet and Chinese participation, are of course the major issues to be considered. At the same time, the absence of a united Arab stand discourages the international community at large from exerting any real efforts towards solving the Middle East problem.

That brings us to the crucial question: We are aware that the Tunis meeting could not very well take decisions, but the foreign ministers could pave the way for a gathering of Arab heads of state. If the Arab leaders could not get together to decide on a crucial issue that has been plaguing the Arab World for the past 37 years, what is the use of international efforts to solve the problem?

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Al Ra'i: What do Iranians want?

THE constant threats by Iran's rulers about launching a decisive battle against Iraq prompts us to ask what are the real objectives of such offensives? And what do the Iranian rulers hope to achieve? It is clear from the battles over the past six years, that the Iranians were not able to achieve anything largely of course due to the solid and firm position of Iraq and the defence and resistance the Iranians continue to face. The answer to the question also lies in the reality which the Iranians are facing in the battlefield. They have big dreams of course, but none of them is coming true, and the great victory in the minds of the regime in Tehran will remain a mere dream that can never be achieved. The Iranians having found themselves unable to achieve any successes continue to brag about a decisive battle which they would launch on Iraq and achieve a final victory. But in the meantime, they continue to send thousands of Iranian young people to their death by forcing them to go to the battlefield, well aware that they will not fulfil the dreams of the Tehran rulers and realising in advance that these troops will end up dead or taken prisoner. The regime in Tehran is stalling and trying to prolong the duration of the war as long as possible since their own fate has been decided, because it is closely connected with this conflict and will remain in power as long as the war lasted. On the other hand, Iran continues to suffer from internal divisions and from material and human losses; and the people of Iran continue to lose as they wait for their leaders to achieve an imaginary victory.

Al Dustour: Confronting the enemy

AT the end of the Islamic Awakening seminar in Amman, Prince Hassan issued a warning to the Islamic masses against the Zionist danger and Israel. He said that the Zionists continue to seek a fragmentation of the Arab World and the balkanisation of countries around the state of Israel so that the Jewish state will remain powerful and dominating the whole region. One close look at history reveals that Zionism has succeeded in achieving part of this goal by first establishing the state of Israel itself which serves as a poisoned dagger stabbing the backs of the Arab states. Having established a base amidst the Arab region, Zionism is now bent on launching aggression on the Arab countries and at the same time consolidating its hold on Arab territory seized since 1967. Israel's intention of continuing its present policy and its objective of imposing domination on Arab lands appears quite clear in a document prepared by a special committee chaired by former defence minister Ariel Sharon. For this reason, Prince Hassan called Muslim nations to strengthen their stand and confront common challenges with greater self-confidence. This can be achieved by real democratic rule, and by deepening on sound scientific and religious concepts.

Sawt Al Shaab: Beirut enjoys peace

WEST Beirut these days enjoys calm and peace that the city has missed for years, and this is no doubt, due largely to the imposition of force against the militia groups that used to cause so much fear and destruction in the Lebanese capital. Another reason for this peace and quiet is the quick and constructive response to the new arrangements by the leaders of Lebanon's political parties who hope now that this quiet and this peace will gradually spread across Lebanon to prevail in all regions. But this achievement can be considered as only a prelude to a total reconciliation among the various warring groups and the settlement of the whole issue through a just and lasting formula acceptable to all parties and factions. At the same time, efforts are underway for holding a meeting between the presidents of Lebanon and Syria for the sake of arriving at general outlines for a lasting solution, and the Lebanese people attach great hopes on these efforts and are awaiting their success. But it should be stated that the making of peace takes some time to be completed in view of the divergent views and the existence of disputes and divisions among the militias and their leaders and the political parties that dominate them. But at least a sound has now been paved for further steps to be taken towards a lasting peace.

Why Europe goes its own way

By John Palmer

The decision of the twelve European Community states to back a Middle East international peace conference, which they took in Brussels on 23 February, marks a new stage in the Europeans campaign to give the EEC a sharper international political profile. It is motivated in part by real fears of the consequences of the protracted stalling in the peace-making process but also by a desire to assert its own views on the future of the Middle East against those of the United States.

After the 23 February meeting EEC foreign ministers cautioned against any exaggerated expectations about a speedy agreement on how an international conference might be constituted. The Twelve were also anxious not to give the impression that they would launch themselves into a kind of high profile public Middle East initiative as the Community did with the famous Venice declaration of 1980. The British and West Germans, in particular, are anxious not to move further or faster than the main parties involved in the region. But while the energetic Belgian foreign minister, Mr. Leo Tindemans, the current president of the EEC council of ministers, may be held in check, the Twelve will be actively involved in discussions about the constitution and timing of any conference.

The Europeans are particularly concerned that the actions of the Reagan administration in the Middle East, notably the arms

sales to Iran, threaten "Western interests" as a whole. They know that Jordan's relations with the West are at an all time low and they want to take some initiative to help Jordan and the other moderate Arab regimes.

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They have been encouraged in renewing a more active diplomatic role by the personal message sent by the Soviet leader, Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, to the ministers on the eve of their meeting urging them to support Soviet proposals for a conference. In the end the EEC decision fell short of this in so far as it emphasised the role of the conference in providing purely a "framework" for essentially bilateral talks between Israel and the key Arab states. On the other hand the European ministers are remarkably optimistic that there are enough hopeful straws in the wind not to make the idea of such a conference totally Utopian. To this end they point to the statements of Shimon Peres, backing, on certain conditions, the "minimalist" version of a conference, the renewed dialogue between Jordan and the PLO and the conviction — not altered by the Syrian intervention in Beirut — that President Assad wants better relations with the West and with the European

Community in particular.

For the moment the EEC is maintaining its limited sanctions against Damascus for the alleged involvement of a section of the regime in backing terrorist groups. But, with the exception of the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Thatcher, most EEC governments want to restore full diplomatic relations with Syria as soon as is decent.

The strong statement on the Middle East issued by the Twelve reflects the renewed priority given to developing the Community's own foreign policy positions on world affairs. This is, above all, a reaction to the marked deterioration in trans-Atlantic relations with the Reagan administration in the past year.

The European Community and the United States are, in truth, already involved in the opening salvos of an Atlantic trade war over matters ranging from farm exports to the European Airbus. There are also marked differences between the Americans and the Europeans over international economic and financial matters, not least because of what the EEC sees as the grossly irresponsible U.S. federal budget and foreign trade deficits. These, if ever, if uncorrected, will push the Western world as a whole into an eventual new economic recession.

Most serious of all is the growing gap between the U.S. and its Nato allies over strategy in the

nuclear arms reduction talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Although they are for the most part ruled by right of centre governments, the West Europeans are angered and fearful of President Reagan's apparent determination to press ahead with "Star Wars" development even if this scatters the anti-ballistic missile treaty and hopes of a breakthrough in the Geneva arms talks. Linked with these frictions are differences over foreign policy issues, above all strategy in Central America and the Middle East.

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As far as the Middle East is concerned, European Community governments fear that the virtual political implosion of the Reagan administration will paralyse the U.S. in playing a constructive role in reviving the peace process. This, they believe, will only weaken the West's allies among the moderate Arab regimes the longer it continues. On the other hand, the Europeans are cynical about how evenhanded any U.S. administration will be, given the power of the pro-Israel lobby. For this reason they are now willing to give a public push to the international peace confer-

ence in the belief that, at least, the U.S. will not veto the initiative. Of course differences remain over just what such a conference would be empowered to do. It is not clear how much separates the views of the EEC and the Soviet government, although the Europeans are increasingly impressed with what they see as Mr. Gorbachev's constructive stance on foreign policy as well as his liberalising internal initiatives.

The crunch between the Europeans and their American allies may arise if the U.S. moves to reduce some of the 325,000 troops it keeps stationed in Western Europe. European public opinion is increasingly favourable to the closure of U.S. nuclear bases and the withdrawal of nuclear missiles. But a troop pullout would face the Europeans with the embarrassing choice between scaling down NATO's goals and trying to find the money and manpower to replace the Americans.

The worse the U.S. budgetary crisis the more likely a future Democratic administration will be to save money on America's overseas commitments. This is already reflected in American pressure on the Nakasone government to step up Japan's defence spending. What remains to be seen is whether a full scale crisis with the U.S. will result in the Europeans underlining or re-treating from their first tentative steps towards greater political

autonomy from Washington. This is the point at which differences among the 12 EEC states and more generally among the European NATO governments may become critical. A majority of European NATO states appear to have lost all confidence that they can really influence the Reagan administration and that therefore the EEC has no reason to play down its own policies and interests.

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For her part Mrs. Thatcher puts overriding priority on maintaining close and loyal relations with the Reagan administration. What may be most significant is that the normally very pro-U.S. Atlanticist West German government is losing patience with Washington. Strengthened by the results of the West German elections, the foreign minister, Mr. Hans-Dietrich Genscher, is determined to improve relations with the Soviet bloc, both for economic and political reasons. If the West Germans now throw their weight behind greater European independence in foreign policy and defence matters the EEC can hardly avoid the breach with the U.S. becoming wider still — Middle East International, London.

Black miners' union demands end to migrant labour system

By David Crary
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — The main black miners' union has issued the most sweeping demand of its five-year history — an end to the migrant labour system on which South Africa's mining industry depends.

Under the system, miners are recruited from neighbouring countries and distant black homelands to live away from their families in single-sex mine hostels for at least 11 months each year.

The National Union of Mineworkers, which claims to represent 360,000 of the country's 600,000 black miners, demanded early this month that mine owners pledge by March 30 to negotiate an end to the migrant system and provide family housing for all miners that want it. Without such a pledge, the NUM said, the miners will prepare for a national strike.

The ultimatum, accompanied by a demand for a 55 per cent wage increase, indicated the union's growing confidence in its bargaining power with an industry that generates about 15 per cent of South Africa's gross domestic product and 60 per cent of its export earnings.

"It has taken us five years to build an effective mass base — a power base with which we can mount an assault on the commanding heights of the mining industry," said Marcel Golding, the NUM's assistant general secretary.

Golding said the union also wants an interim arrangement in which elected worker representatives are given control of the hostels.

The Chamber of Mines, which collectively represents the mine owners, has not responded publicly to the demands. Spokesmen for individual companies suggest that the changes sought by the NUM could be accomplished only at immense cost and over many years.

"It would put quite a number of mines out of business," said Atie Roets, spokesman for one of the biggest companies, gold.

Roets said gold fields' mines, "within their respective financial restraints, will continue the expansion of accommodation for married employees. We will try to meet the demand as far as we can."

Golding stressed that the union is not willing to wait very long.

"We're not talking about the next 10 to 15 years," he said. "We're talking about the next few years."

Acceptance of the NUM's demand would raise the possibility of hundreds of thousands of miners' dependents seeking to move near mines in areas where the government, as part of its apartheid system of racial separation, has struggled to limit the number of blacks.

In 1985, the most recent year for which statistics are available, migrant workers from outside

South Africa constituted about 40 per cent of the 511,000 black gold and coal miners — 107,000 from Lesotho, 51,000 from Mozambique, 18,000 from Botswana, 17,000 from Malawi and 13,000 from Swaziland. One of the Lesotho migrants who lives in a hotel is the NUM's president, James Motlati.

The vast majority of the miners from South Africa live migrant lives, far away from their families. About 150,000 of them come to mines in the northern half of the country from the nominally independent homelands of Transkei and Ciskei.

Fewer than 5 per cent of all the black miners live at the mines with their families, and there is a web of legislation preventing most migrants' dependents from entering South Africa either from the homelands or abroad.

The migrant system began almost as soon as gold was discovered a century ago in the then-underpopulated area around present-day Johannesburg.

In defending the system, industry officials cite the important role the migrants play in providing foreign exchange to their economically troubled home countries, supporting an estimated one million dependents with earnings totalling \$500 million annually. Their average pay of roughly 400 rand (\$200) a month is three or four times what many workers in South Africa's neighbouring countries earn.

Golding said the NUM had no desire to reduce the number of foreign miners rather, it wanted the owners to offer family housing to those seeking it.

But there are doubts within the industry as to whether the government, which in the past has threatened to expel foreign workers, would allow alien dependents into South Africa. And one Chamber of Mines official, speaking on condition he not be identified, said many migrants would not want their families to accompany them.

"Some have farms at home and would worry about who would look after them," he said. "Some just want to mine for a few years and make some money to go home and buy land or a tractor."

Gold fields' Roets said mine owners face a continuing problem trying to recruit urban South African blacks from townships relatively near the mines.

Traditionally, mine hostels have been segregated by tribe or nationality, and the NUM has blamed such divisions for factional fighting that claimed more than 130 lives last year. The owners have questioned this conclusion and say miners have resisted occasional attempts to create ethnically mixed hostels.

However, the nation's biggest mining conglomerate, Anglo American, has opened an investigation into the causes of the factional fighting. Anglo also has acknowledged drawbacks in the migrant labour system and endorsed the general goal of providing miners with family housing.

Nyerere has moderated Mwinyi's reforming zeal by retaining the chairmanship of the Chama Cha Mapinduzi and complaining privately to the gov-

Election pits Gandhi against Communists

By Dilip Ganguly
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi faces a test of his popularity halfway through his term in state elections next week that pit his Congress Party against Communist opposition.

In the March 23 balloting, the Congress Party will try to keep control of the state assembly in Kerala and challenge Communist rule in West Bengal legislature. Marxist parties have traditionally been strong in both states.

Congress has formed a coalition with a Muslim party in the Muslim-majority northern state of Kashmir in a third election.

Five-five million people are registered to vote in the three states.

Congress has lost in three earlier state elections since Gandhi came to power in 1984. But the party maintains this was by design: In an effort to quiet violent disputes in the three states, Gandhi made peace pacts with regional powers and Congress conceded the legislative majority.

Next week's vote, therefore, is the first real test for Gandhi's party since 1984. Romesh Thapar, a leading political analyst, said in an interview the results will serve as judgment for Gandhi.

The present leader, a 42-year-old former pilot, came to power

as party leader.

"For Congressmen, the election is important not because of who wins, but it will be a test for Gandhi as a vote-catcher," he said. "Gandhi's image as a leader has gone down, there is resentment in his party and if he fails to project himself as the vote-catcher, the boy is in serious trouble."

Gandhi faces no immediate national challenge. Federal elections to five-year parternships are not due until 1989, and no single opposition leader can match Gandhi in stature.

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Thapar also said the Congress Party's power has always rested on its leader's popularity.

"The Congress won past elections not because it has any better policy, but because it always had charismatic leaders and there was no solid united opposition," he said.

Gandhi's mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was immensely popular, as was his grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first prime minister.

The present leader, a 42-year-old former pilot, came to power

in December 1984 in the largest vote the Congress Party ever received. The election was held amid an outpouring of emotion at the slaying of his mother two months earlier, but Rajiv Gandhi also came off as a young, active man ready to battle India's ills.

Since then, however, he has faced growing criticism from newspapers, opposition politicians and even in his own party. Some complaints by Congressmen have focused on election losses.

Of the 24 Indian states, opposition parties control state assemblies in eight. More than 30 per cent of India's 780 million population live in these states.

Congress lost elections in Punjab, Assam and Mizoram states, where Gandhi negotiated peace pacts in an effort to quiet simmering independence movements.

As part of these pacts, Gandhi conceded a degree of independence, and Congress did not go all out to win a legislative majority. Nawal Kishore Sharma

Joint exhibition indicates progress, adventure in local art movement

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordan Artist's Association continues its season at its new premises with an exhibition of work by association members. Like that of the Young Jordanian Painters held at the Royal Cultural Centre some three weeks ago, this is an interesting and enjoyable collection with some good work from both established and new names alike. Although some of the pieces have been exhibited before, the generally high standard of the submitted works is gratifying as it is an indication of just how far the art movement in Jordan has come in the last few years.

The highlights of the show for many will be the two almost classical pieces in their field. Nabil Shahadeh's cut away abstract suspended between two sheets of perspex has a strange trompe l'oeil effect for, although you feel the painting is "broken," the paint on the perspex itself suggests a continuity between the two surfaces. This format is new for Shahadeh but the actual abstract is very much what we have come to expect from this artist — strong dark colours applied in bold sweeps, balanced and counterbalanced to perfection, to produce a unique tightness and unity within the painting. Yet, despite the control and the almost mathematical precision with which Shahadeh applies his colours, there is a spontaneity, a free flowing movement that hints at deep, sad but volatile emotions struggling to emerge.

The other piece is Kuram Nimri's head of the artist Azziz Ammoura. Molded in plaster and painted matt black, this larger-than-life portrait is exceptionally daring and strong. The bold symmetrical features which are a union of the formal with the realistic are enhanced by a luxuriant head of hair, whose exaggerated volume and wavy lends the piece a surprising sensuousness. Re-laying the personality of the sitter with perception and sympathy, Nimri has created a piece of art that puts one in mind of the so-called "reserve heads" that



Bold, blocky painting by Mohammad Al Jaloos

were often placed, the reason is not known, outside ancient Egyptian burial chambers.

From Azziz Ammoura himself comes an attractive and unassuming piece of some presence. Excited in the now familiar stippling technique Ammoura has adopted, the flowing calligraphy is enhanced by different texturing and shading effects that fill and frame the piece.

Other good work from more established artists comes from Jalal Arafa — impressionistic landscapes in green blues — from Diana Shamouni — a clever depiction of a crowd reduced to pink faces and single colour clothes, which effectively uses composition and the repetition of form to give the scene its dynamism and from Abdul Raouf Shamouni. Shamouni's work, at first, seems totally abstract but gradually, from within the bold strokes of bright colour, a group of figures emerge, moving diagonally across the beige painted canvas. With their heads wrapped and their backs turned

towards the viewer, they press forward, the mass of the figures broken up by hastily zigzagging lines that denote so economically the fold of the cloth and light and shade.

The work of two recent graduates is also notable. Munza Hamarneh, fresh back from his studies at the Damascus

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Academy for Fine Art, has produced a well-drawn and rendered painting of three Syrian men selling their vegetables in a street market. Squatting over their baskets of lettuces and radishes, they form a classic grouping that is set off by the diagonal of the street barrow behind them. Hamarneh has yet to find his own style, but gradually, from within the bold strokes of bright colour, a group of figures emerge, moving diagonally across the beige painted canvas. With their heads wrapped and their backs turned

— Not such a new graduate, but still a relatively new artist is Mohammad Jaloos who studied at the Jordan Institute of Fine Arts. Jaloos' blocky, abstracts are pleasingly bold, his vibrant blacks, burnt oranges, greens and deep blues seeming to emerge from beneath energetic strokes of thick white paint that threatens to cover all.

Completing the exhibition — along with Ahmad Nawash's familiar but still striking oils, Rafik Lahham's prints and Mahmud Taha's subtly painted tiles — are some more good pieces by Ali Ghoul.

Experts seek cause of Cameroun lake disaster

By Claude Regis
Reuter

YAOUNDE — International scientists are meeting in Yaounde this week to try to determine the cause of the disaster seven months ago when 1,700 people were killed by toxic gas from a remote lake in northwestern Cameroun.

Scientists are still not sure if such a disaster could happen again and, if it could, whether they could warn people soon enough to save their lives.

Close to 100 experts from Asia, North and South America, Europe, Africa, Australia and New Zealand will exchange their findings on the Lake Nyos disaster in an effort to decide what happened and what can be done about it.

Lengthy on-the-spot investigations by experts from all over the world have produced no conclusive evidence so far on why, late

in the evening of August 21 last year, toxic gases including carbon dioxide bubbled up from the volcanic lake, 400 km northwest of Yaounde, killing 1,734 people.

In a six-day conference sponsored by UNESCO and other international organisations the scientists will defend their conflicting theories.

All agree that Lake Nyos exploded like a shaken bottle of champagne, releasing 1.3 billion cubic yards of carbon dioxide which poured silently through valleys, killing people and animals up to six miles away before dissipating.

But U.S. and French scientists differ on what caused the explosion and on the key question of whether it was volcanic.

At a meeting of vulcanologists in January in Hawaii, the Americans maintained that the gas was not thrust out violently, but had saturated the water after escaping gradually from the bottom of the

lake.

Then, according to Camerounian expert Felix Tchoua, who agrees with the main points of the U.S. theory, some external factors, such as huge rocks falling into the lake, could have caused the gas to be released.

French scientists believe that a vent hole believed to be a volcano vent cap below the 680-foot deep lake was blown off by the pressure of the gas which then burst to the surface.

If this is what happened, similar tragedies can strike elsewhere without warning, they say.

French vulcanologist Haroun Tazieff, who has studied the Lake Nyos disaster and will be at the meeting, has warned that similar explosions could occur in dormant volcanic lakes in central France, Italy and the United States.

There are about 40 volcanic lakes similar to Nyos in northwest Cameroun and if Tazieff's theory is correct no warning signals can help prevent future disasters.

Two years before the Nyos disaster, a lake at nearby Monoun exploded, killing 37 people.

Fatalistic Thais resist Bangkok flood scheme

By Mark Fisher
Reuters

BANGKOK — A multi-million dollar flood-prevention scheme in Bangkok has drawn a lukewarm response from fatalistic residents of the Thai capital.

A Thai-Australian joint venture company wants to dig a new 55-km channel west of the city to relieve pressure on the capital's Chao Phraya River, which regularly bursts its banks.

At 20 million baht (\$770 million), this would be one of the biggest drainage schemes in Asia, Thai officials believe.

But Bangkok residents seem apathetic to the proposal even though flooding causes widespread disruption in the city and the problem shows every sign of worsening.

"We've always had floods. We always will. There's no sense messing about with the river," grumbled a vegetable seller near Bangkok's royal palace. The comment was typical.

Other critics fear the scheme could destroy the charm of the Chao Phraya, which winds languidly past sumptuous Buddhist temples and the elegant Oriental Hotel. The river is also home to colourful floating markets, a major tourist attraction.

Thais outside Bangkok also wonder why so much money should be spent on the capital, where the standard of living is far higher than in the provinces.

From May to October, the

Chao Phraya carries monsoon floodwaters down to the capital from the north. It also has to cope with Bangkok's high local rainfall and with tidal surges from the Gulf of Thailand, 30 km to the south.

If that is not enough, Bangkok is also sinking, in some places at the rate of 12 cm a year. Parts of the capital are already below sea level.

A Department of Resources official told Reuters the subsidence was caused because the pumping of drinking water supplies from wells dug below the city has lowered the water table.

The government had tried to limit well supplies, she said, but added it was unclear whether this would slow the subsidence rate.

To limit flood damage, major roads in the capital have already been raised and the city has an extensive network of canals, dikes and pumping stations.

These costly efforts enjoy little success. Homes and shops in entire districts are regularly inundated and roads are cut for days.

"By the end of this century 300 square km of Bangkok could be under water," city council engineer Kamsan Suwamarat told Reuters. "There could be a catastrophe."

"People don't understand," he added. "There's no sense of urgency to stop it happening."

The Chao Phraya flows slowly but Thai bureaucracy is slower," said a long-time Western resident.

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Appendicitis at 100

One hundred years ago, a Boston doctor of medicine, Reginald Fitz, identified appendicitis, named it, showed how to diagnose it and prescribed an operation that would save tens of millions of lives. The authors describe Dr. Fitz's discovery.

By Stewart M. Brooks and Natalie A. Brooks

ON Sunday, January 17, 1886, a twenty-four-year-old Boston woman experienced searing, excruciating pain in her right lower abdomen. Her doctor prescribed applications of moist heat to her abdomen, an enema of warm water, and a dose of morphine, all to be repeated "as needed." Two days later the pain had subsided, but by afternoon it returned, this time affecting the entire abdomen. The doctor increased the dosage of morphine, and began to vomit. Vomiting continued the next day and her abdomen swelled. Her doctor — and two consultants who had been called in — now administered citrate of magnesia, calomel, and jalap — all purgatives — and an enema. On Saturday morning her pulse of 140 became almost imperceptible; her abdominal swelling increased, and her extremities went cold. Violent vomiting began again, and she died at 12:30 p.m.

This woman's case appeared in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* in 1886. As it happened, there also appeared in the very same issue an extract of a study done by a Dr. Reginald Fitz of Boston — a study that solved the riddle of appendicitis for once and for all. Deaths like the one described above, until then a common occurrence, would begin to become a rarity. In his landmark paper, Fitz not only defined the nature of the disease but also described its proper diagnosis and treatment. Today, three hundred thousand potentially life-saving appendectomies are performed each year in America, and Fitz's work a century ago paved the way.

The appendix and its inflammation took thousands of years to be understood. Coptic jars, in which Egyptian mummies' intestines were placed, sometimes carried an inscription referring to the "worm of the bowel," but no definitive description of the organ existed until 1492, when Leonardo da Vinci described and drew it. In 1710 the Flemish anatomist Philippe Verheyen gave the organ its name, *appendix vermiformis*. Most of us, of course, simply say appendicitis.

The appendix is a sort of worm-like finger that protrudes from the cecum, the portion of the large intestine located in the right lower abdomen. It usually runs three or so inches in length, but may exceed ten or more, and has a diameter of about one-third of an inch. A narrow passageway, the lumen, extends down the inside of the appendix beginning at the opening to the cecum, where there is a fold of mucous membrane called Gerlach's valve. What purpose this equipment may once have served is unknown. Most consider the entire structure vestigial, but it may have aided in the digestion of cellulose.

Trouble arises when an obstruction at or near Gerlach's valve inhibits the flow of appendiceal mucus out into the cecum. Pressure inside the lumen then becomes elevated, squeezing the appendix walls and the blood vessels. The result is appendicitis.

Reginald Fitz came along. He studied for two years, first in Vienna and then in Germany under Rudolf Virchow, generally regarded as the father of pathology. Returning to Boston in 1870, Fitz received appointments as a microscopist at the Massachusetts General Hospital and as an instructor in pathological anatomy at Harvard Medical School. He rose quickly at Harvard, becoming assistant professor in 1873 and Shattuck Professor of Pathological Anatomy in 1879.

A student recollects, "His lectures were terse, vigorous, lucid and models of flawless didactic exposition, and in clinical exercises his cross-examination method and keen forensic style were stimulating ..." According to a colleague, Fitz was "not an investigator in the sense that he carried out or led original, experimental research," yet his "penetrating clearness of vision ... enabled him to extract, as could no one else, from a mass of apparently unrelated observations, the concise, clear clinical picture."

Fitz's pathbreaking paper, entitled "Perforating Inflammation of the Vermiform Appendix; With Special Reference to Its Early Diagnosis and Treatment," was read before the Association of American Physicians, June 18, 1886, and was published in the *American Journal of the Medical Sciences* the following October. It contained a meticulous point-by-point analysis of 466 cases of abdominal disorders that had previously been variously diagnosed and showed that they all involved a diseased appendix. Moreover, Fitz demonstrated that the disease always started at the appendix. He wrote that "variations in length, position and patency [of the appendix], whether congenital or acquired, are of obvious importance in explaining

Brazilian star Socrates says he wants to quit

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) — Brazilian 1982 World Cup captain Socrates wants to end his contract with club Flamengo and quit soccer, a club official said.

Socrates, 33, joined Flamengo in September 1985, after a colourless season in Italy, where he never won the full backing of Fiorentina players and fans.

Even though his contract with Flamengo expires in September, Socrates expressed a wish to quit the game immediately, the official said.

Socrates, who declined to talk to reporters, had spoken to Club President Marcio Braga who was trying to persuade him to reconsider, the official said.

A qualified doctor, Socrates said recently he would quit at the

end of his contract but has apparently decided to quit immediately because of team manager Sebastiao Lazaroni's decision to keep him on the bench while fielding little known midfielder Ailton instead.

Socrates has been sidelined or off since joining Flamengo for a number of injuries and medical problems including a broken foot, which had him out of action for several months and a hernia operation, which kept him away from the game for three months.

This year coach Lazaroni kept him on the bench, claiming that the famous player was out of his best physical and technical form. "Name and fame do not win matches," Lazaroni told reporters in explaining his decision.

Platini among players to go on trial in France

LYON, France (R) — French soccer star Michel Platini is to go on trial in connection with an illegal slush fund, along with former players and officials from his old club, legal sources said Tuesday.

A Lyon court rejected an appeal by the local public prosecutor not to try 11 players and nine officials for their alleged part in a 20-million francs (\$3.3 million) slush fund scandal between 1978 and 1982.

The players, who include World Cup defender Patrick Battiston and former internationals Bernard Lacombe and Jean-Francois Larios, were first charged three years ago with accepting illegal payments from First Division French club Saint Etienne.

The footballers were accused of accepting secret cash payments from the slush fund in order to avoid paying income tax. The money allegedly came from ticket sales omitted from the club's offi-

cial accounts.

The public prosecutor argued that the players did not know the money came from a fraudulent source and that they had subsequently sorted out their positions with the income tax authorities.

But the court ruled that they could not have been unaware of the illegality of the dealings.

"Helped by advisers for the financial, commercial and sporting organisation of their career, the players could not ignore the illegal aspects of the slush fund's money," the court said.

No date has been set for the trial, but the sources said it was likely to be held before July.

Platini, 31, was Saint-Etienne captain between 1978 and 1982, before moving to Italy where he has been with Juventus of Turin ever since.

Other defendants include former Club Chairman Roger Rocher, former coach Robert Herbin and former Argentine international Oswaldo Piazza.

India faces dilemma over Davis Cup tie with Israel

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India may face a \$10,000 fine and suspension from Davis Cup tennis play if it follows its usual policy and refuses to face Israel in the quarter-finals scheduled in July.

An official of India's Sports Ministry said Tuesday that government officials are weighing what to do about the conflict between India's policy and its players' weekend victory over Argentina.

India has no diplomatic relations with Israel and usually does not enter into sports competitions with it. But India's victory and Israel's win over Czechoslovakia leave the two teams scheduled to face each other.

Both teams won upset victories by a 3-2 margin.

The Sports Ministry official, who spoke on condition he not be

identified, said the matter will be decided at the "highest level."

Under Davis Cup rules, failure to participate in a scheduled match results in a \$10,000 fine and expulsion from play for three years.

India faced similar problem last September at the Asian Junior Tennis Championship in Bangkok, Thailand, when it found itself facing Israel. The Indian team withdrew.

Last month Israel did not play in World Team Tennis Championships here after reports India would refuse visas to Israeli players.

The India-Israel match, by Davis Cup scheduling, also should be played in New Delhi. But the Israeli Tennis Association said in Tel Aviv its team would play India on neutral territory if players are denied visas.

France's Longo takes lead in Colombia cycling

BOGOTA (R) — Jeannie Longo of France, arguably the world's top female cyclist, triumphantly began what experts have called the best public relations operation yet for female cycling in Colombia.

Longo, the road world champion and world record-holder for the one hour against the clock track event, won the first stage of the inaugural tour of Colombia women's cycling race.

She outprinted Italy's Imelda Chiappa to clock one hour 32 minutes 03 seconds for a 60-kilometre circuit in the southwestern city of Cali, on Monday according to unofficial results.

Longo's traditional rival, Italy's Maria Camini, twice winner of the Tour De France Classic, did not make the trip to Colombia as originally scheduled because of an injury.

The eight-day race, which also includes cyclists from China, France, and the United States, covers 524 kilometres ending next Monday in the capital Bogota.

Dutch coach sacked over player's switch

EINDHOVEN (R) — Dutch club PSV Eindhoven has sacked coach Hans Krays amid the continuing row surrounding Rudd Gullit's controversial move to AC Milan.

Gullit, the outstanding player in Dutch football, wants to join AC even though he is under contract until 1990. PSV opposes the move and the Dutch football association (KNVB) will decide later this month whether to allow Gullit to go to Milan.

The flamboyant Gullit told Nieuwe Revu magazine last week he had reached an agreement with the Italians and criticised PSV.

Krays wanted to suspend Gullit from the PSV first team for the rest of the season as punishment for the remarks but manager Kees Ploegsma favoured a final warning.

American McKinney wants to add Olympics to titles

By John Mossman
The Associated Press

DENVER — Tamara McKinney wants to fill in an important gap on her resume before retiring to her family's horse farm in Kentucky after next season. She hopes to do it at the Calgary Olympics.

McKinney has won a World Cup overall title — a level of proficiency no other U.S. woman skier has achieved — but an Olympic medal has eluded her.

Though she has complained of fatigue after nine World Cup seasons, she plans to ski competitively one more season, which just happens to include the 1988 Winter Games.

McKinney, 24, coming off a solid slalom season during which she led the standings for much of the year before finishing second, represents America's best hope for a skiing medal in Canada — perhaps its only hope, if results

European Cup preview

Belgrade on survival mission in Spain

LONDON (R) — Red Star Belgrade, Yugoslavia's most battle-hardened European campaigner, sets out today to survive where many fine teams have perished — in the seething cauldron of Real Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu Stadium.

The Yugoslav champion, seeking to emulate its city rival Partizan by reaching a Champions' Cup final, leads the Spaniards 4-2 but knows its participation in the top quarter-final, second leg tie of the night could end in tears.

Madrid has a formidable home record in European soccer and its majestic stadium has been the graveyard of many teams defending similar or better leads.

Last season, on its way to a second successive triumph in the UEFA Cup, Madrid overcame a 3-0 deficit by hammering Internazionale Milan 5-1 in the semifinal. It had squeezed through from the third round by beating Borussia Moenchengladbach 4-0 following a 5-1 away defeat.

A year earlier, after losing 3-0 in Brussels to Anderlecht, Madrid crushed the Belgians 6-1 at its awesome stadium which is still haunted by memories of Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento and Del Sol.

Even with a full-strength team, Anderlecht seems doomed against West German champion Bayern whose veteran striker Dieter Hoenes, a two-goal hero in its 5-0 home leg triumph, said:

"If we don't make it into the semifinals I'll hang up my boots right away."

At 33, it is little more than an idle threat by Hoenes who plans to retire whether or not Bayern

succeeds in winning the trophy it lifted in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

Bayern will be strengthened by the return of sweeper Klaus Auenthaler and midfielder Lothar Matthaeus and a pragmatic suppression of a team motivated by wounded pride seems likely.

Kiev will hope to double its total against Turkey's Besiktas. The Soviet champion, 5-0 up, has an ability to play soccer which delights connoisseurs.

Like the Turks, Portuguese champion Porto will also be greeted by a severe drop in temperature in Denmark.

Its hopes of defending the lead supplied by Algerian striker Rabah Madjer's goal may depend on the fitness of injured goalkeeper Josef Mlynarczyk, and its ability to cope with the forecast heavy snowfalls.

If Porto beats Broendbyernes, it will be the first Portuguese team in the semifinals since Benfica in 1972.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Spain's Real Zaragoza and Lokomotiv Leipzig of East Germany are protected by 2-0 leads to Vitosa Sofia of Bulgaria and Sion of Switzerland respectively.

Pakistan wins 1st test series in India

BANGALORE, India (R) — Pakistan recorded its first victory in a test series in India despite a defiant 96 by Indian opener Sunil Gavaskar in possibly his last test innings.

Gavaskar, the outstanding player in Dutch football, wants to join AC even though he is under contract until 1990. PSV opposes the move and the Dutch football association (KNVB) will decide later this month whether to allow Gullit to go to Milan.

The victory Tuesday ended a run of 11 successive draws between the two sides who once drew 13 in a row.

"It just proved my contention that a positive wicket would provide a ride," Pakistan captain Imran Khan said after the match. "It was a far from ideal wicket because it favoured the spinners too much, but it at least produced a result."

Gavaskar survived two appeals by Qasim — one for leg before, the other for a catch. Both were turned down by umpire V.K.

Ramdaswamy.

Qasim's teammates joined in the bowler's loud protests which led to a halt in play and sticks being hurled by spectators at the Pakistani players.

Gavaskar, who has indicated he could retire at the end of this series, resumed his innings 10 minutes later. But the 36-year-old's concentration had been disturbed and he soon strayed across the line, edging Qasim to Rizwan Uz-Zaman at slip.

Qasim, realising it was now all or nothing, launched into the bowling, collecting a six as he tried to keep last man Maninder Singh away from the spinners.

But Binny eventually fell for 15, caught behind by Saleem Youssif off Tauseef. Tauseef had earlier bowled Shival Yadav and finished with four for 85 off 45.5 overs. Iqbal Qasim took four for 73 from 37.

U.S. coach claims officials were biased in Davis Cup

ASUNCION (R) — A top official of the U.S. Davis Cup team complained about the five judges and said he was very disappointed over the squad's 3-2 loss to Paraguay in a first round Davis Cup World Group tie.

Markin said the U.S. team expected the crowd to be partisan but would hope that in the future efforts would be made to find non-partisan linesmen.

He said he did not think the U.S. team would protest the incidents.

Paraguay clinched the tie on the final two singles matches, coming back from a 2-1 deficit following the U.S. team's victory in the doubles.

Hugo Chapacu, a little-known player making his second appearance for the Paraguayan Davis Cup team, squeaked past Jimmy Arias 6-4, 6-1, 5-7, 3-6, 9-7 in a five-hour and 20 minute thriller.

Markin said he was thoroughly impressed by Chapacu's ability to stage a comeback after being down 5-1 in the final set of the match.

In the final match, Pecci played almost flawless tennis to overcome Krickstein, the top U.S. singles player, 6-2, 8-6, 9-7.

Pecci, who finally ended the match on his third consecutive match point, was immediately lifted to the shoulders of fans who flooded the court.

"Cry, cry Yankees," they shouted.

Paraguay will face Spain in the next round of the World Group, to be played in Asuncion in July.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Thais offered bribes to lose match

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Two Thai players were offered money if they would see that Thailand lost its pre-Olympic soccer match against Malaysia last Saturday. Thai team manager Yangyong Nilprome said Tuesday. Yangyong told reporters that the two players received four or five telephone calls offering them money to throw the match. Thailand defeated Malaysia 1-0 Saturday. The two teams play again Wednesday, and Thailand will advance to the next round of Olympic qualifying if it wins. If it loses, another game will be scheduled.

Becker, Maradona win sports 'Oscars'

MILAN, Italy (R) — Top sportsmen, including Boris Becker and Diego Maradona, received awards for their contribution to sport in 1986. Pele was also given a special award as a "legendary sportsman" during a ceremony to bestow "world sports' Oscars" on athletes nominated by a panel of world sports writers as the most outstanding of last year. Among other award winners were Ed Moses, Mike Tyson, Alain Prost and Francesco Moser.

Boxer Spinks arrested for drunk driving

WILMINGTON, Delaware (R) — Former International Boxing Federation (IBF) heavyweight champion Michael Spinks was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol after his car crashed into a tree near his home, police said. Spinks, 30, was not hurt in the crash. He told police another car had forced him off the road. He was released pending a March 26 court appearance, New Castle County police said. Spinks, who won the IBF heavyweight crown when he beat Larry Holmes in September 1985, was stripped of his title last month for refusing to make a mandatory defence against the IBF's number one contender, fellow American Tony Tucker.

Cuba trounces China in volleyball

HAVANA (R) — The Cuban women's volleyball team trounced the Olympic and world champion Chinese team in three straight games 15-8, 15-7, 15-11 in the second of a three-match series in Havana. The Cubans showed superior agility at the net and impressive power in counter-attack in repeatedly breaching the Chinese defence. Cuba won the number-two spot at the World Women's Volleyball Championships in Czechoslovakia and the matches here have been heralded as a clash between the world's two best teams.

Quinn, Sheridan named to Irish team

DUBLIN (R) — Arsenal striker Niall Quinn and Leeds' midfielder John Sheridan were given the chance of a European Championship debut for the Republic of Ireland as both were named to an 18-strong squad for the Group Seven qualifier against Bulgaria. Manager Jack Charlton is waiting for a fitness report on Bournemouth's injured Gerry Peyton before naming a second goalkeeper for the match in Sofia on April 1. Oxford midfielder Ray Houghton is battling to overcome a pelvic injury and may miss the trip.

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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Tuesday.		
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One U.S. dollar	1.3100/38	Canadian dollar
	1.8320/30	West German marks
	2.0705/15	Dutch guilders
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	6.0975/1025	French francs
	13.02/1303	Italian lire
	151.20/30	Japanese yen
	6.4060/4110	Swedish crowns
	6.9420/70	Norwegian crowns
	6.8975/9025	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	406.00/406.50	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Equities stood at record levels in fairly quiet pre-budget trading and at 1500 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was up 16.2 at 2,008.0, compared with its previous closing high of 2,002.8 on March 5. The index reached an all time high of 2,021.5 on March 4. Shares stood mixed at the outset but expectations that the budget will include a cut of at least 2p in the pound in basic rate tax and reduction in the government borrowing target pushed prices higher throughout the session. Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson was due to give his budget speech later Tuesday. Dealers said prices have for some time reflected expectations of a bullish budget statement but on top of this there is a belief the measures contained in the budget will greatly increase the ruling Conservative Party's chance of winning the next general election. News that the U.K. public sector was repaid £300 million in February was in line with expectations and helped to underpin an already firm market, dealers said. Analysts are forecasting the chancellor will set the PSBR target for 1987/88 at around £5 billion against 7.1 billion in 1986/87.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Avoid an argument with one of whom you are fond. You are able to uncover the various facets of any campaign that will help you reach a well-developed ambition.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) If others are envious of you, handle them diplomatically. Do whatever will please your mate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may have difficulty with a mundane affair, but later a partner is able to clear up the confusion for you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A private worry can keep you from getting an early start at work. Schedule your time so that things run smoothly.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't involve yourself in an argument between your mate and a pal. Come to an understanding with co-workers.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 23) It's important guests in to your home who can give you the data you need. Be very kind with them.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) If you make a new plan it will spoil your presently stable set-up, so take no chances today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't argue over the price of entertainment. Try to economize in some way and build up your savings account.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Go after some aim that means a great deal to you. Enjoy recreations with your friends tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A letter could cause you to take time away from your scheduled activities. Be careful in motion.

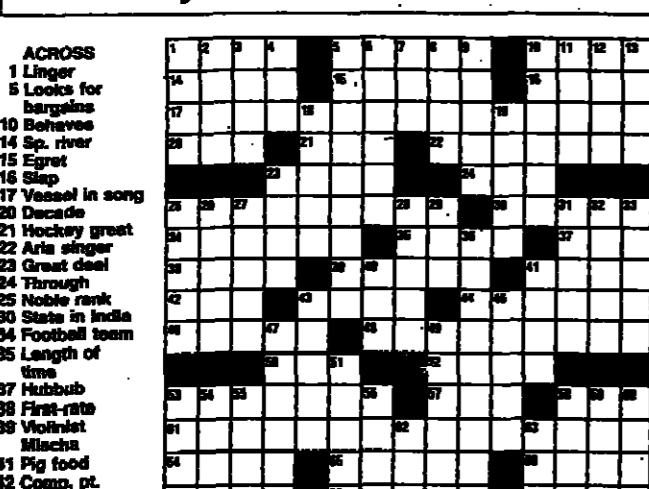
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) There may be some delay in getting your special talents working. Later you can gain a personal wish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't argue with a family tie over a personal wish. Show that you know the needs of influential people.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A private worry could interfere with your outside affairs if you permit it, so perk up and get much accomplished.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she, will meet with problems connected with New Era activities. This will give an opportunity to your progeny to appreciate what is conventional and combine the two whereby he, or she, will achieve much success throughout the lifetime.

THE Daily Crossword



Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Aquino delays order to disarm vigilante groups fighting rebels

DAVAO, Philippines (R) — Philippine soldiers reacted guardedly Tuesday to orders from President Corazon Aquino to dismantle the armed civilian vigilante groups they have promoted to help fight Communist rebels.

Mrs. Aquino herself drew back from an order for "immediate steps" to disarm private armies and other armed groups and issued an amended order that merely called for a plan for their dissolution to be drawn up by the end of April.

Military officials told Reuters they regarded the civilian groups as an important part of the war against the rebels but added they would take steps to ensure that the dismantling of militia forces throughout the Philippines would not create a security void.

Lieutenant-Colonel Franco Calida, military chief of the Davao area, which spawned the vigilante groups, told Reuters in

an interview: "Village self-defence units in every barangay (village) are necessary."

Dismantling the groups would affect the region's whole security system, he said, but added he would wait to see final guidelines.

Mrs. Aquino Monday issued two orders dated March 13.

One called for immediate action on implementing a constitutional provision disbanding armed groups. The second called for the drafting of an executive order setting up a single national police force.

In a revised order issued Tuesday, the two were grouped together. There was no reference

to "immediate" and the order asked the secretaries of national defence and local government to submit a draft plan by April 30.

The constitution specifically provides for the dismantling of the 70,000-strong Civilian Home Defence Force (CHDF) established during the regime of deposed President Ferdinand Marcos.

Government and military officials said Monday the more recently formed vigilante groups like those fostered by Col. Calida in and around Davao, the Philippines' biggest city after Manila, would also be dissolved.

Human-rights activists have accused the civilian groups of grave abuses and demanded their disbanding.

One senior military official, who declined to be named, said: "If not implemented properly, the provision can create a security void. The CHDF is important in

territorial security."

"But we have anticipated this and studies are being made to try to fill that void," he said.

Military commanders in Davao said the city has been cleared of rebels and credited the groups, including the also-mara (uprising of the masses), for the success of the government's counter-insurgency campaign in the area.

Military Chief General Fidel Ramos has backed the operation of the vigilante groups and said similar organisations should be encouraged in other areas.

Armed forces spokesman Col. Honesto Isleta said the military would follow Mrs. Aquino's order and said those who resisted would face arrest.

The spokesman for Defence Secretary Rafael Ileto said the secretary had not received Mrs. Aquino's order and declined to comment on the issue.

Massachusetts governor to run for presidency

BOSTON (R) — Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, a newcomer to national politics, has ended weeks of speculation with the announcement he plans to seek the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination.

Mr. Dukakis said he had authorised the formation of a presidential campaign committee and would make a formal announcement of candidacy in Boston on May 4.

Comparing the presidential campaign to the Boston Marathon in which he runs every

U.S. seeks new FBI chief

WASHINGTON (R) — Wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI): A person of integrity and political independence with considerable experience in management and law enforcement, to serve as its next director.

U.S. Justice Department officials said Monday the Reagan administration is still searching for a successor for FBI Director William Webster, nominated by President Reagan nearly two weeks ago to head the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The officials said the top candidate was U.S. district court Judge

Dukakis said: "I have the energy to run this marathon, the strength to run this country, the experience to manage our government and the values to lead our people."

"With your help and your prayers, a son of Greek immigrants named Mike Dukakis can become the next president of the United States."

The 53-year-old Dukakis, is serving his third term as governor. He was reelected with 67 per cent of the vote last November.

Moscow thanks U.S. for rescuing Soviet sailors

WASHINGTON (R) — The Soviet Union has thanked the U.S. government for rescuing 37 Soviet sailors from their sinking ship in a storm off Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

The officials said the thanks were delivered by Soviet Charge d'Affaires Oleg Sokolov in a visit to the State Department.

In an apparent reciprocal gesture of friendship, administration officials said President Reagan would receive the seamen and their rescuers at the White House.

The ship was heading for Cuba with about 10,000 tonnes of flour when its cargo suddenly shifted in 15-20 foot (4.5 to six metre) seas, the Coast Guard said.

Coast Guard helicopters rescued unharmed all 37 crewmen of the 6,023-ton Komsolets Kirovii on Saturday about 200 miles south of Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

The crewmen were first taken to Atlantic City, and then to a Soviet recreational centre about 100 Kilometres from Washington.

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State-run All-India Radio also said investigators had questioned about 75 people, all connected with guerrilla groups fighting for an independent Tamil homeland in Sri Lanka, just across the Palk Strait from this southernmost Indian state.

Authorities said security had been tightened across the state with reinforced police patrols at major public buildings.

Railways Minister Madhavrao Scindia also said patrolling had been intensified along India's 60,000-kilometre rail network.

Indian parliament may debate Gandhi-Singh row

NEW DELHI (R) — The chairman of India's Upper House of parliament Tuesday postponed until Friday a decision on whether to allow discussion of the public row between President Zail Singh and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The Press Trust of India news agency said R. Venkataraman told the Rajya Sabha he would give a ruling after studying how Australia and Canada dealt with such constitutional problems.

Opposition parties are preparing to seek a debate in the Lok Sabha, the Lower House, Wednesday about a letter by Mr. Singh accusing Mr. Gandhi of misleading parliament.

A spokesman for the Telugu Desam, the largest opposition party in parliament, told Reuters the party would request that the house be allowed to discuss the letter.

A senior government official Monday night told Reuters he expected the opposition to introduce a no-confidence motion.

Political analysts said Mr. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party, with

Indonesia imposes curbs on journalists ahead of elections

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia announced restrictions Tuesday on foreign journalists covering next month's elections, limiting access to the countryside and requiring authorisation to report on activities in the capital.

Information Ministry guidelines issued to foreign reporters effectively restrict access to the countryside where 80 per cent of Indonesia's 168 million people live.

They require journalists to report their presence to the Information Department and certain government officials when they visit any of the 27 provinces of Indonesia, the largest country in South East Asia. Letters of authorisation are required for coverage in the capital, Jakarta.

Senior information Minister of official Sukarno, who is in charge of print media across the giant equatorial country, said the measures were "to facilitate your work in covering the elections."

"They are not designed to restrict or hamper you. They are just for administrative purposes," Sukarno told a news conference.

The official guidelines were announced ahead of the start of the formal campaign period which starts on March 24. The elections for 400 seats in the 500-seat state legislature will be held on April 23. The other 100 seats are reserved for representatives of the military.

The restrictions reflect the careful planning for the polls by the government and armed forces, who are anxious to avoid any trouble.

In the last elections about 60 people were killed in accidents and poll-related violence, including riots in Jakarta.

Seoul offers talks with North to ease tension

SEOUL (R) — South Korea Tuesday proposed a meeting of prime ministers to improve relations with arch enemy North Korea, but said the two countries must first restore mutual trust.

South Korean Prime Minister Lho Shin-Yong proposed in a letter to his northern counterpart Li Guo-Mo that they meet to discuss comprehensively various issues raised by the two sides to improve relations and ease tension.

The letter, delivered to the North at the border village of Panmunjom, was in reply to a recent North Korean call for high-level political and military talks.

The Korean fought a bloody three-year war to 1953 and tension remains high along a 240-kilometre demilitarised zone on the frontier.

Mr. Lho was referring to discussions on a controversial northern dam project that Seoul has said is aimed at causing catastrophic floods in the South.

The letter said if the proposed meeting took place, this would open the way for summit talks between South Korean President Chun Doo Hwan and northern leader Kim Il-Sung.

A Seoul government spokesman told reporters that South Korea, which had rejected an earlier North Korean offer for high-level talks, was now making

a "very positive and comprehensive counter-proposal."

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Couple pays \$265 for a kiss

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A young Bahraini couple paid 100 dinars (\$265) in fines after being convicted of kissing in a car parked by the seaside, court sources reported. The couple appeared at a hearing this weekend and the woman told the judge, "we stopped kissing once the police said not to." Bahrain is fairly strict on public morality, although it upholds secular ideals and its social climate is comparatively more relaxed than its theocratic neighbours. The country has a high percentage of foreign workers, but Westerners know better than to kiss in public. The punishment that the court meted out on the kissing couple was divided equally between the man and the woman — each paid 50 dinars (\$132.50).

Prisoner wins \$2.5 million

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — A man jailed for attempted manslaughter won nearly four million Swiss francs (\$2.5 million) in the national lottery, a newspaper reported Tuesday. The 60-year-old inmate was the only player who chose the six winning numbers in the weekend lottery, the German-language newspaper, Blick reported. It said the man, who was not identified by name, was slated to be released in a few weeks from a jail in Solothurn, in north west Switzerland. The paper quoted a fellow inmate as saying the new multimillionaire was "beside himself with joy." To play the Swiss lottery, a person must enter at least two cards costing one franc (65 cents) each. Contestants choose three of the 45 numbers on the card, and anybody who chooses three or more numbers that are drawn is a winner, with prizes starting at five francs (\$3.25).

Drummer Buddy Rich has brain surgery

LOS ANGELES (R) — Doctors removed a malignant brain tumour from drummer and band leader Buddy Rich in a four-hour operation, a hospital spokesman said. Rich, 69, was in good condition at the University of California at Los Angeles Hospital and would probably be discharged in two weeks, the spokesman added. Rich played drums in the bands of Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Carter and Harry James before starting his own big band 21 years ago.

Life expectancy longer in Shanghai

PEKING (R) — The average citizen of Shanghai, a heavily polluted industrial city, lives for 74.27 years — five years longer than the average in mainly rural China and one year longer than in the developed world, the New China News Agency said Tuesday.

2 missing for 24 years write from N. Korea

TOKYO (R) — Two Japanese fishermen presumed dead after their boat was found abandoned 24 years ago have written to relatives from North Korea for the first time. Socialist member of parliament Yuzuru Shimasaki of the Japan-Korean Parliament Friendship Association told Reuters the two were married and had children by their North Korean wives. He said the two wrote to relatives saying they wanted to see their parents and families, but did not explain why they had remained silent since going missing in the Sea of Japan in 1963. Shimasaki said Sotoo Terakoshi was aged 24 and his nephew Takeshi was 13 when they were reported missing off the coast of Ishikawa prefecture in central Japan. Private letters from Communist North Korea, with which Japan has no diplomatic relations, are rare. "The fact that the letter did get through is a positive sign of North Korea's willingness to resume talks over the issue of split families, with some members in North Korea and others in Japan," Shimasaki said. North Korea cut off all family contacts with relatives in Japan after the 1950-53 Korean War, but Shimasaki said he would seek to reunite the men with their relatives in Japan.

Reagan's blood routinely checked for AIDS

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan's blood was routinely checked for AIDS and hepatitis this year because of blood transfusions he received after he was shot in an assassination attempt in 1981, a White House official said. The official said the tests, which showed Reagan had neither AIDS nor hepatitis, were conducted as a standard procedure before the president's prostate surgery in January. Mr. Reagan was shot outside a Washington hotel on March 30, 1981, by John Hinckley who was found not guilty by reason of insanity and was committed to a mental hospital.

China aims to clean up public toilets

PEKING (R) — China's public toilets, a culture shock for many Western travellers, are being given a clean-up, the China Daily said Tuesday. It said work had already started in Peking to install more flushing devices with the aim of making them universal in the capital's 6,000 public lavatories. It quoted a Sanitation Department survey several years ago which found the hydrogen sulphide level in Peking's public toilets was 230 times the limit set by Japanese authorities. "Insufficient toilets, improper distribution, shabby facilities, bad management and smell are problems besetting people every day," the newspaper said. Most older houses in China do not have toilets and residents have to use public ones. Pointing out that the state of public toilets indicated a country's level of civilisation, the newspaper praised cities which had taken steps to improve ventilation and plant trees and flowers near toilets. Design was improving, it said. Older toilets were being replaced by ones with glazed tiles and artificial marble.

Judge orders retarded girl sterilised

LONDON (AP) — Three appeal court judges on Monday ordered the sterilisation of a 17-year-old girl for her own good because she has a mental age of five. The girl was becoming sexually aware and the consequences of her being pregnant were "frightening," said Judge Sir George Dillon, supported by Judges Sir Stephen Brown and Sir Donald Nicholls. "She does not link, and never will be able to link, sexual intercourse with the birth of babies and would be wholly unable to look after a baby or child if she were to have one," the judge said. "She is as small child to her if the pregnancy ran its full course and she were in natural labour," said Dillon, although sterilisation would "take away a basic human right." The loss of that right "would mean nothing" to the girl, referred to only as Jeanette. Jeanette will be 18 in May. She is a ward of court in the care of Sunderland Borough Council in north east England, whose application to have the girl sterilised was supported by her mother.

Teen's suicide linked to six others

ROLLING MEADOWS, Illinois (AP) — Newspaper clippings about six teen-age suicides were found in the bedroom of a 14-year-old boy who apparently killed himself by inhaling carbon monoxide, police have reported. The death of Kevin Pyer of this north west Chicago suburb was similar to those last week of four New Jersey teenagers and two teen-age girls in Alsip, a suburb south of Chicago, said Sgt. Douglas Larson. His death came amid growing concern over teen-age suicides in the United States in recent months. Television stations and newspapers devoted heavy coverage to the recent incidents. The youth's mother, Marilyn, and her boyfriend discovered Kevin's body Saturday night atop the roof of the family station wagon in their garage, Larson said. Carbon-monoxide poisoning was suspected as the cause of the death, Larson said. "He had newspaper clippings — apparently he cut out of a paper, but maybe someone else did — under his bed," said Larson.



GOREN BRIDGE

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BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY

North-South vulnerable. South player with three diamonds to have the long trump to make your contract. If you looked no further into the matter you would probably be defeated. You would win the opening lead and bring out your high trumps. When East turned up with a trump trick, you would have to decide whether to play on diamonds or cross to dummy to lead a club toward your king. Whichever line you chose, you would be doomed to defeat because the gods were not smiling that day.

However, if you want to rely on your skill rather than the deities, you could insure your contract. Win the ace of hearts and lead a trump. If East follows with the eight or nine, simply cover with the ten. West might get that trick, but you can win any return, draw trumps and then discard a club on the table's long diamond. You would lose at most one trump and two clubs.

If East produces an honor on your trump lead, win and cross to dummy with a diamond to lead another trump. Again, you intend covering whatever card East produces. And your technique is rewarded. As the cards lie, you pick up the trump suit without losing a trick, so that after you discard a club on the fourth diamond and lead toward the king, you lose two club tricks because West has the ace, but no more.

No matter how easy your contract seems, take time out to consider the best line. At rubber bridge or in team competition, your first duty is to make your contract; overtricks can wait.

Let's suppose you reach four spades on the auction shown. Your jump rebid in your own suit was invitation, and partner's ace, king and three trumps were more than he needed to raise to game.

At first glance it might seem that you need either a 2-2 trump break, or the ace of clubs outside; or the

War criminal sentenced to death in Soviet Union

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet army officer who went over to the Nazis during World War II and headed a German execution squad has been sentenced to death by a court in Smolensk, Pravda said Tuesday.

He was tried for having committed a "punitive unit" which killed scores of Soviet civilians, including 80 men, women and children in one village in the Smolensk region, and received three Nazi medals, the court heard.

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Immediately after the war, he was sentenced to a "limited" punishment as a collaborator but the full extent of his crimes only emerged later, Pravda said.

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